## **HOUSE BILL 597**

By Lovell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-401, relative to licensure of engineers.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-2-401(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) Master's Degree from Approved Institution. A person who holds a master's degree in engineering from an institution with an engineering program approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, and with a specific record of four (4) years or more of progressive experience on engineering projects of a grade and character which indicates to the board that the applicant is competent to practice engineering, and who has obtained certification as an engineer intern, shall be admitted to a minimum eight-hour written examination, prepared by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, on the principles and practice of engineering. Upon passing such examination, the applicant shall be granted a certificate of registration to practice engineering in this state, provided the applicant is otherwise qualified.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.